

55941. *PRUNUS* sp. **Plum.** "(No. 6117. August 26, 1922.) A wild plum tree about 20 feet high, which grows along banks of streams in the Likiang plain at altitudes of 9,500 to 10,000 feet. The round, lemon-yellow fruits are about an inch in diameter. The tree is a prolific bearer and grows in alkaline soil."

PYRACANTHA spp. (Malaceae), 55996 and 55997. **Fire-thorn.** From Yunnan, China. Seeds collected by J. F. Rock, Agricultural Explorer of the Bureau of Plant Industry. Quoted notes by Mr. Rock.

55996. *PYRACANTHA* sp. "(Likiang. September 11, 1922.) A shapely shrub 10 to 15 feet in height, which grows along stream beds in limestone soil throughout the Likiang plain. It is common all along the road from Talifu to Likiang, and even south of Likiang. When in flower it is very ornamental, but it is especially attractive when loaded with its bright scarlet fruits from August until winter."

55997. *PYRACANTHA* sp. "(No. 6527. September 14, 1922.) A dense shrub 6 to 8 feet in height, which grows with *Prinsepia utilis* in arid situations in the valley beyond Lashipa, two days' journey south of Likiang. It has bright yellow berries instead of the scarlet fruits which are so common."

PYRUS spp. (Malaceae), **Pear.** 55998, 56000, 56003 to 56005. From Yunnan, China. Seeds collected by J. F. Rock, Agricultural Explorer of the Bureau of Plant Industry. Quoted notes by Mr. Rock.

55998. *PYRUS* sp. "(No. 6503. Lashipa. September 13 to 14, 1922.) A very hardy pear tree 15 to 20 feet high, found on the Lashipa plain, one day's travel south of Likiang, at an altitude of 10,000 feet. It has very tough branches and small, oval-oblong, crenate, acute leaves, and bears large numbers of fruits which are the size of small marbles, yellow, acrid, and unpalatable. The tree is generally used by the natives as a stock plant. Wherever the tree grows wild they cut the trunk down two feet from the ground and bud cultivated varieties of pears on it. The tree is exceedingly hardy and drought resistant, and also can withstand being inundated."

56000. *PYRUS* sp. "(No. 6509. September 13, 1922.) A wild pear tree 20 feet high found on the Likiang plain near the village of Lashadje. The leaves do not have red veins and petioles, and the fruits, smaller than a marble, are yellow, spotted, and acrid but perfectly black and sweet when ripe. This is a very good stock plant."

56003. *PYRUS* sp. "(No. 6553. September 15, 1922.) A wild pear tree 40 feet high, found in arid regions in the mountains west of Tengchuan, 2 days' journey north of Talifu, at an altitude of 6,500 to 7,000 feet. The branches are long and mostly horizontal. The fruits are much larger than those of the other wild pears, with a rich yellowish brown skin and firm butter-yellow flesh which is acrid and unpalatable."